

**ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD**

Wednesday, July 8, 2015, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. Mr. George Zawislak at 6:04 PM.

Members Present

Mr. George Zawislak, Chairman
Mr. Leland Carlson, Vice Chairman
Mr. Fred Lierman
Mr. Dock Ward
Mr. Gregg Wilson, Transportation, School District 205
Mr. Christopher Tumeo, Rockford Fire Department
Mr. Scott Capovilla, Community Development Department
Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department

Members Absent

Mr. Colin Belle, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Mr. Vince McLean, Rockford Mass Transit District
Sergeant Mark Jacobi, Rockford Police Department
Alderman Teena Newburg, 9th Ward

Also Present

Alderman Thomas McNamara, 3rd Ward
Mr. Tim Hinkens, Public Works Department

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on June 10, 2015 were approved as submitted.

The Traffic Commission recommended the following items:

1. Request in the 2nd Ward, by Alderman Jamie Getchius, for traffic control at the intersection of Rome Avenue and Jackson Street. (Commission discussed sight distance issues when stopped on Jackson. Commission discussed the two accidents at the intersection. Commission recommended establishing yield control with Jackson Street yielding for Rome Avenue. Motion by L. Carlson, seconded by J. Carter. Voted 7-0)
2. Request in the 14th Ward, from city staff, to establish “No Truck Parking” restriction on both sides of Ashby Trail from Linden Road to the cul-de-sac. (Commission discussed that there are many semi-trucks and trailers parking along the road. Commission discussed Police Department had made request because they felt they could not consider the road a residential street, since there were no homes on the street. Commission recommended establishing a “No Truck Parking” restriction on both sides of Ashby Trail from Linden Road to the cul-de-sac. Motion by L. Carlson, seconded by C. Tumeo. Voted 7-0)

3. Request in the 3rd Ward, from Tom Harker, to repeal the “No Parking Any Time” restriction on the east side of Hall Street from 60 feet north of Jefferson Street to 210 feet north of Jefferson Street, thus restoring unrestricted parking. (Commission recommended repealing the “No Parking Any Time” restriction on the east side of Hall Street from 80 feet north of Jefferson Street to 210 feet north of Jefferson. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by L. Carlson. Voted 7-0)
4. Request in the 3rd Ward from, Tom Harker, to establish “No Parking Any Time” restriction on the east side of Hall Street from 40 feet north of Jefferson Street to 80 feet north of Jefferson Street. (Commission recommended establishing a “No Parking Any Time” restriction on the east side of Hall Street from 60 feet north of Jefferson Street to 80 feet north of Jefferson. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by L. Carlson. Voted 7-0)
5. Request in the 3rd Ward by City Staff to establish a “1 Hour” parking restriction on the south side of State Street from 30 feet east of 1st Street to 130 feet east of 1st Street. (Commission discussed that City Staff, Ward Alderman, local businesses and adjacent property owner were all in favor of the change. Commission recommended establishing a “1 Hour” parking restriction on the south side of State Street from 30 feet east of 1st Street to 130 feet east of 1st Street, thus repealing the “No Parking Any Time” restriction. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by S. Capovilla. Voted 7-0)

The Traffic Commission recommended taking “No Action” on the following items:

1. Request in 2nd Ward, by Alderman Thomas McNamara, to establish all way stop control at the intersection of Paris Avenue and Crosby Street, thus repealing the existing 2 way stop control at Paris Avenue and Crosby Street. (Alderman McNamara addressed all three requests for all-way stops on Crosby Street. He discussed the requests came from neighborhood group who was concerned about speed. Commission discussed the intersection had no history of accidents and uneven traffic volumes. Commission recommended placing the speed trailer and looking at doing a “30 Means 30” enforcement project on Crosby. Commission recommended taking no action. Motion by L. Carlson, seconded by D. Ward. Voted 7-0)
2. Request in 2nd Ward, by Alderman Thomas McNamara, to establish all way stop control at the intersection of Highland Avenue and Crosby Street, thus repealing the existing 2 way stop control at Highland Avenue and Crosby Street. (Commission discussed the intersection had no history of accidents and uneven traffic volumes. Commission recommended taking no action. Motion by L. Carlson, seconded by G. Wilson. Voted 7-0)
3. Request in 3rd Ward, by Alderman Thomas McNamara, to establish all way stop control at the intersection of Adams Street and Crosby Street, thus repealing the existing 2 way stop control at Adams Street and Crosby Street. (Commission discussed the intersection had no history of accidents and uneven traffic volumes. Commission recommended taking no action. Motion by L. Carlson, seconded by F. Lierman. Voted 7-0)

4. Request in 2nd Ward, by Alderman Jamie Getchius, to establish all way stop control at the intersection of Washington Street and 2nd Avenue, thus repealing the existing 2 way stop control at Washington Street and 2nd Avenue. (Commission discussed that the intersection was an offset intersection. Commission also discussed there was 1 accident since 2012 and low traffic volume. Commission also discussed that speed study found only 3 cars out of 748 went above 30 mph. Commission recommended taking no action. Motion by L. Carlson, seconded by F. Lierman. Voted 7-0)
5. Request in the 10th Ward, by Barbara Crosby, 928 Woodland Avenue, for traffic control at the intersection of Dempster Avenue and Woodland Drive. (Commission also discussed there was no accident history and low traffic volume. Commission recommended taking no action. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by J. Carter. Voted 7-0)
6. Request in the 2nd Ward, by Alderman Jamie Getchius, for traffic control at the intersection of Rome Avenue and Greenwood Avenue. (Commission also discussed there was no accident history and low traffic volume. Commission recommended taking no action. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by L. Carlson. Voted 6-1)

The Traffic Commission laid over the following items:

1. Request in the 10th Ward, by city staff, to repeal the existing “No Parking Any Time” on the south side of 8th Avenue from 20th Street to 21st Street, thus restoring unrestricted parking. (C. Tumeo discussed concerns with Fire Department repose if there was parking on both sides of road. Commission laid item over so staff could measure road width to know if fire truck could go through)

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by J. Carter.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

August 12, 2015 6:00 PM.

Rockford City Hall
425 East State Street
2nd floor, Conference Room A

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremy A. Carter, P.E.
Recording Secretary